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SUBJECT: MALAGASY REQUEST FOR PL-480 RICE ANTICIPATED

1. MALAGASY SECGEN OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PIERRE RAJAONAH INFORMED EMBOFF OCT 15 THAT DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS EN ROUTE TO EMBASSY FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONTAINING REQUEST FOR US PL-480 ASSISTANCE IN SUPPLYING RICE TO MADAGASCAR.

2. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT MALAGASY REQUEST FOR PL-480 PROGRAM WOULD BE FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF USG IN WASHINGTON WHEN RECEIVED, STRESSING THAT PROVISION OF COMMODITIES DEPENDS UPON RELATIVE NEED, AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FACTORS WHICH EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSESS. OWING TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR US FOODSTUFFS IN WORLD THIS YEAR, EMBOFF ADDED THAT COMPETITION FOR AVAILABLE SUPPLIES WOULD PROBABLY BE STRONG, AND MALAGASY REQUEST ACCORDINGLY WOULD HAVE TO BE JUSTIFIED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. RAJAONAH SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO FURNISH ANY DATA REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF PL-480 REQUEST. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, HE ADDED THAT GOMR IS REQUESTING PROVISION OF 52,000 TONS OF RICE.

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3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL GOMR REQUEST

FOR PL-480 RICE, WE ANTICIPATE DIPLOMATIC NOTE WILL ARRIVE
SOON, AND WISH TO ALERT INTERESTED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON
IN ADVANCE.

4. WE RECOMMEND SERIOUS WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF
SUPPLYING PART OF MALAGASY REQUEST (PERHAPS UP TO 20,000
TONS) UNDER TITLE I, PL-480. IF US WILLING DO SO,
BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE GOOD CHANCE OF PERSUADING GOMR BUY
BALANCE OF ITS RICE REQUIREMENTS FROM US ON MORE
COMMERCIAL BASIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) BEFORE WE ASK MALAGASY AUTHORITIES FOR SUPPORTING
DATA, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE READING AS TO WHETHER THERE
IS ANY CHANCE OF FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF ANTICIPATED
MALAGASY REQUEST FOR PL-480 RICE, AT LEAST IN PART.

(B) WOULD ALSO LIKE KNOW WHETHER EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

PREPARED FINANCE RICE EXPORTS THIS CROP YEAR, AND, IF SO,
ON WHAT TERMS.
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